

WHAT IS THE CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR IMMIGRANTS (CAPI)?

CAPI is a California program that provides cash assistance to certain aged, blind and disabled legal non-citizens who are not eligible for federal Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Payment (SSI/SSP).

WHICH IMMIGRANTS ARE ELIGIBLE?

Low income seniors (65 or older) and persons with disabilities who are either:

- “Qualified” immigrants ,or
- Persons who are Permanently Residing Under Color of Law [PRUCOL]

WHO IS A “QUALIFIED” IMMIGRANT?

Qualified immigrants include: lawful permanent residents, refugees, asylees, persons granted withholding of deportation or withholding of removal, conditional entry, paroled into the U.S. for at least a year, Cuban/Haitian entrants, and certain battered spouses and children.

WHO IS A “PRUCOL” IMMIGRANT?

PRUCOL is a term that generally describes immigrants whom the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) knows are in the United States, but whom the USCIS is not taking steps to deport or remove from the country.

WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE?

You are not eligible for CAPI if:

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| ◇ You are a U.S. citizen | ◇ You are in a public institution |
| ◇ You are a fleeing felon | ◇ You are not a California resident |

CAN IMMIGRANTS WITH SPONSORS GET CAPI?

Yes. Immigrants with sponsors can get CAPI if their income, combined with their sponsor(s)’s income, meet the income requirement for CAPI. There are some exceptions to these rules.

WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS?

In addition to immigrant status, you must meet all of the following:

INCOME

- Your monthly income, after certain amounts are disregarded, cannot be greater than the maximum CAPI benefit amount.
- Income is anything you receive in cash or in-kind that can be used or sold to meet your needs for food, clothing and shelter. In-kind income is not cash but it is food, clothing, shelter, or something that can be used to get any of these (e.g. A second car or coin collection that can be sold for cash, which then could be used to purchase food or shelter).

RESOURCES

- An individual may have up to \$2,000 in resources and a couple may have up to \$3,000.
- Resources are cash or other property that you can convert into cash for support. Some resources are not counted in determining eligibility, such as your principal place of residence (regardless of value) and one car (used to provide necessary transportation or does not exceed \$4,500).

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- CAPI payment amounts are \$10 less for an individual or \$20 less for a couple than the SSI/SSP payment standards.

HOW CAN I APPLY FOR CAPI?

- You may apply in person at any General Relief (GR) District Office.
- You may call the toll free **Central Helpline Number 1-877-481-1044** to receive an application by mail if you are homebound or in residential care.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR FOOD STAMPS OR MEDI-CAL?

You may be eligible; however, you must apply for each program separately.

WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

- You have the right to apply for CAPI even if you have been informed that you are not eligible.

WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS? (continued)

You have the right to request aid and services from the Department of Public Social Services without regard to your race, sex, religion or national origin.

- You have the right to apply for Food Stamps or Medi-Cal.
- If you receive a written notice saying your application for CAPI is denied, you or your authorized representative have the right to appeal the action and to request a State hearing.
- If your CAPI application is approved and you do not agree with a decision to reduce or discontinue your aid, you or your representative have the right to appeal the action and request a State hearing. You will receive a written notice regarding the proposed action, as well as one showing the result of any hearing.

WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES?

- Cooperate with the County on the processing of your application
- Report all of your and your sponsor's income / resources

Any changes that might occur in the following categories must be reported within 10 days to your Eligibility Worker:

- Where you live - Did you move or leave your household for more than one month?
- How you live - Have there been any changes in your household? Did the amount of money that you pay for your household expenses change?
- Your income - Has the amount of money you receive from someone or someplace increased or decreased?
- Help you get from others - Has the amount of help (money, food, clothing, or payment of household expenses) you receive increased or decreased?
- Things of value that you own - Has the value of your resources increased over \$2,000 when you add them all together (\$3,000 for couples) or have you bought or given any things of value away?
- Immigration Status - Has your Immigration and Naturalization Status changed?

CENTRAL HELPLINE NUMBER
1-877-481-1044

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